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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Patent Application of Futoshi Tanigawa et al. : Group Art Unit: 1745  
Conf. No.: 1498  
Appln. No. 09/752,375 : Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo  
Filed: December 29, 2000 : Attorney Docket  
For: PASTE TYPE POSITIVE ELECTRODE FOR : No. 10059-365US  
ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND NICKEL- : (P23917-01)  
METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE BATTERY

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))**

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to and including March 31, 2003 (March 29 being a Saturday) for responding to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002 (Paper No. 4) and the Communication from the Patent Office dated October 29, 2002, which extended the deadline for reply to January 29, 2003. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- A check in the amount of \$410.00  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (**Billing No. 210059.0365**) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.  
 Extension fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.00  
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